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Epping Forest residents donate £1,750 to local charities through Recycling Rewards

Four good causes have shared £1,750 of donations as part of Epping Forest's Recycling Rewards programme.

Epping Forest Recycling Rewards is provided by Epping Forest District Council in partnership with Jump, who are the leading supplier of sustainability and wellbeing engagement programmes in the UK.

Residents living in 1,500 properties across selected blocks of purpose-built flats in Epping Forest compete to win prizes through Recycling Rewards. Residents take part in reducing, reusing and recycling activities such as the Food Waste Challenge, reporting their recycling and learning about contamination.

Recycling Rewards aims to reduce contamination and improve the quality of recycling across the district. Over the last year alone, the programme has helped avoid 4,774 kg of waste, saving 4,400 kg of CO2.



Photo: Volunteers at PACT for Autism with their £550 donation certificate.

Each month the top six residents who earn the most Green Points win a £25 voucher for reducing, reusing and recycling as much as they can. Each resident's individual point total contributes to their community total, with the top scoring community winning the largest share of £1,750 to donate to a local charity

Members of Recycling Rewards vote for the charity they would like to support. Topping the leader boards for 2021 was Theydon Bois, who voted for [Epping Forest Community Transport](#) to receive £700; Waltham Abbey in second place voted for [PACT for Autism](#) to receive £550; Ongar in third voted for [Epping Forest Food Bank](#) to receive £325; and Buckhurst Hill in fourth voted for [Safer Places](#) to receive £175.

Lisa Gay, PACT for Autism, says “We would like to say a huge thank you to the residents of Waltham Abbey for supporting our charity. We are planning to put the award towards supporting our annual family swim trip scheduled for this summer and we can assure you that this will go a very long way in supporting our families with young children and adults on the autistic spectrum, as well as those autistic individuals.”

Councillor X, Epping Forest District Council, says “It’s encouraging that our residents continue to take positive environmental action for our community through Recycling Rewards and it’s even better to be able to simultaneously support charities through the programme.”

Katie Rees, Project Manager at Jump, says “It’s great to see so many residents in Epping Forest getting involved in Recycling Rewards and a big congratulations goes to the four communities who topped the leaderboard and voted for their donation to support these charities.”

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Jump is the UK’s leading supplier of engagement programmes that boost sustainability and wellbeing. Working with companies, universities and the public sector to motivate individuals to take positive steps, clients include Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Barclays, Bexley Council, St Helens Council, Nottingham Trent University and University of Bristol. For more information about Jump, see www.teamjump.co.uk.